

which eventually set the stage for African Liberation Day and the development of the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) that played such a critical role in educating and organizing thousands in the fight against imperialism, colonialism, and neo-colonialism on the African continent.

One of the pivotal moments in Elombe's constantly evolving political philosophy, an outlook grounded in the ideas and actions promoted by Marcus Garvey and Carlos Cooks, was the formation of the PLC in 1975. The PLC came at a most propitious time when there was much confusion about which liberation movement to support in the war against colonial domination in Africa. It was a matter of separating the truly progressive organizations from the reactionary ones, and Elombe and members of the PLC were indispensable in providing the correct guidance and understanding of the often fractious and contentious forces vying for hegemony.

Despite his total immersion on the international front as well as countless battles against racism at home, Elombe was employed at WABC-TV where as a graphic artist—skills he had acquired in high school and at the School of Visual Arts—he was a vital consultant, particularly on African affairs, to Gil Noble, the esteemed host of "Like It Is." "Elombe was instrumental in facilitating the presence of many of the African leaders on the show," said Robert Van Lierop, an attorney and filmmaker formerly affiliated with the show.

None of these activities, however, detracted Elombe from taking care of his family, and along with his wife, Nomsa, they raised six very successful young men, and a daughter all of whom are endowed with their parents' spirit for freedom and justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me and the New York Congressional Delegation in paying tribute to Elombe Brath. Elombe's legacy remains as significant today as it did when his voice was a clarion call advising us along the right path to total liberation and independence.

#### REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 13, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Reducing Flight Delays Act (H.R. 1765). This legislation will allow the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to end furloughs for air traffic controllers created by sequestration and keep our air traffic moving. However, I am frustrated by this bill's narrow, cost-shifting fix that fails to address the underlying problem of sequestration.

In the first three days of this week, over three thousand flights were delayed because of staff furloughs. These delays could increase to several thousand per day and tens of thousands per week without action. While this bill does give the FAA the ability to stop the furloughs, it does not address sequestration's overall cuts to the Agency. Instead, this bill gives the FAA the ability to shift money between accounts, allowing staff furloughs to be prevented only by accepting even deeper cuts in other programs. This cost-shifting will cost

us money in the long run, as maintenance and construction costs grow.

Since taking effect in March, sequestration's impact has become clearer. The Department of Education's budget has been cut to FY2004 levels, despite an additional six million children in school. Young children are being forced out of Headstart. Special education funding and assistance to impoverished schools has been cut. Schools serving Native American and military families are facing even greater deficits, because they rely heavily on federal funding. Where is the Congressional outrage for these cuts? Where is the quick legislative action to avert these crises? We should be taking just as decisive action to ensure our children can continue to attend Headstart as we are to keep the planes flying on time.

I opposed the Budget Control Act because of sequestration's deep and indiscriminate cuts. This bill is not enough to address those cuts which are creating harm every single day. While I support this legislation to keep air traffic moving, I urge my Republican colleagues to take immediate action to reverse all of sequestration.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States Policy toward Iran; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Iran in SH-219.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine performance management and congressional oversight, focusing on 380 recommendations to reduce overlap and duplication.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for National and Military Intelligence programs.

SVC-217

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Departments of the Air Force and Army.

SD-124

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending benefits legislation.

SR-418

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine women in manufacturing.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance

To hold hearings to examine improving cross border resolution to better protect taxpayers and the economy.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Institutes of Health.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Energy.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine advanced vehicle technology and its implications.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. Okun, and Michael Kenny O'Keefe, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the views and priorities of Interior Secretary Jewell with regard to matters of Indian affairs.

SD-628

MAY 16

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the law of armed conflict, the use of military force, and the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for